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Making the Most of the Interim Period

Dr. Jim Hill

Interim Senior Minister

It is truly a privilege to serve as your interim senior minister. I have enjoyed worshipping with the First Christian Church family and learning about your congregation and your traditions. Obviously, I have not learned all the names and faces, and I appreciate your patience as we continue to get acquainted. In addition to working with the church staff, I am also working with a variety of leadership groups, committees, and boards. The Strategic Planning Committee has invited me to work with them as they seek to help the congregation think about and plan for the future of the church's ministry. I am also working with the Search Committee.

When the Search Committee selected me to serve with your church, they asked me to help the congregation to work through the *intentional interim ministry process*. This process is designed to help congregations complete a brief "self-study" during the interim period. The Search Committee will be providing direction for this self-study, but many other church leaders will also be helping with the process. This study addresses five focus points: heritage, mission, leadership, connections, and the future. The way a congregation chooses to use its interim time will sometimes shape congregational growth, identity, and health for years to come. The intentional interim ministry can help to determine whether the new minister, staff and congregation are able to form a solid ministry team. The interim time is the ideal opportunity for a congregation to clearly answer at least two key questions: *Who are we? Who is God calling us to be in the future?* The work of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Search Committee are related, and these committees will be working closely as they help the congregation through this important process. We will be sharing more information regarding how the entire congregation will be involved in the coming weeks. I hope you will be praying for the church and for this process.

This Sunday we will continue our look at the *extraordinary stories of Jesus* as we gather for worship. This week our story is about a "frightened king" who was confronted with questions he did not know how to answer. We are all confronted with the same questions today. How we understand and choose to answer these questions can make all the difference in our lives and in our churches. I hope you will join us for worship on the Lord's Day, in person or online. May God bless you as you serve him every day.

Bible Study

Join Rev. Sarah or Rev. Alexis for Bible Study every Wednesday!

Noon in the Activities Room and at 6:45PM on Zoom

Bring your Bible!

If you are interested in participating via Zoom but Wednesday evenings don't work, let Rev. Alexis know.

Summer Camps Happening Next Week!

Please pray for Drew Bell, Nick Faddell, Haylee Terrell and Rev. Sarah while they are at camp next week.

Please note, Rev. Sarah will be unavailable by phone or email July 10th through July 16th. Please contact the church office if you need assistance during that time.

Also, Try-It Camp is still looking for additional families to register to reach the minimum number of participants needed to hold the camp. FCCJCMO church members are registered and would love to have you join them!

More information can be found at: <http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/summer> or by contacting Rev. Sarah.



Jigsaw Puzzles

Do you enjoy putting together jigsaw puzzles? Would you like the opportunity to purchase one of your church?

Rufus Harmon has offered to order jigsaw puzzles of the picture shown for anyone who would like one. They are 500 piece puzzles at a cost of \$30 each. The deadline to order is July 23.

If you are interested in purchasing a puzzle email Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org or give her a call in the office at 573-636-5157. You may pay by mailing in your check to 327 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101, bringing your check with you to church on Sunday morning and placing it in the offering plate, or by going to www.firstchristianjcmo.org/donate.html. Whichever option you choose, please be sure to note on your check or with your online payment that it is for FCC's jigsaw puzzle.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Nellie Campbell, Richard Carroll, Doug Defreese, Nancy Dunwiddie, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Cheryl Hanson, Norma Hasselman, Jeanette Hickman, Brooks Jarrett, Shirley Jarrett, Jessica Kozlen, Emily Lane, Vivian Murphy, Jackie Possinger, Kathy Speidel, Elaine West, Doris Yelton, Our Country

Individuals will be kept on our prayer list for **four weeks** at a time. At the end of four weeks, please give Kathy a call at 573.636.5157 or email her Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org, if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

Members in Care Centers

BLUEGRASS TERRACE

Glenda Crow

HEISINGER

Richard Carroll

Shirley Ferguson

Barbara Nikodyn

Norma Woodson

JC MANOR

Jackie Possinger

OAK TREE VILLA

Sue Cobble

Georgiale Dallas

Emily Lane

PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Norma Hasselman

Wendell & Myra Hubbs

Jessie Schell

ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

Doris Yelton

SUMMIT VILLA

Marilyn Gross

Shirley Jarrett

VILLA MARIE

Terry Fockler

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY			
1		22	30
Elizabeth Coffman	Karen Shroyer	Chris Bell	Amy Schwartz
Wendy Miles	14	Ron Jordan	Jose' Villafane
3	Don Lloyd	Cindy Leveron	<i>John & Fanci Bennett</i>
Abby Lloyd	16	23	31
<i>Jeff & Sally Moore</i>	Bob Priddy	Jon Schwartz	Jonathon Prouty
5	<i>Bob & Sherry Jordan</i>	24	
Jim Dunwiddie	17	Renaldo Frye	
6	Cathy Crocker	Juliet Kroeger	
Tucker Gregory	Doris Yelton	John Ruth	
John Hequembourg	18	25	
7	Blair Johnson	Casey Gentry	
Amelia Bell	Marsha Posz	<i>Ken & Karen Dykes</i>	
Tabbatha Howard	<i>Ken & Ann Lane</i>	26	
Michael Lauf	19	Kathy Cavender	
Shelly Woodson	Drew Gonder	Gretchen Huedepohl	
10	Jeff Moore	C.J. Nolte	
Marilyn Langley	20	27	
Kurt Toebben	Andrew Highland	Corey Dawson	
11	Hannah Huedepohl	Christie Oliver	
<i>Ed & Joy Powers</i>	Mark Woodson	29	
12	21	Jeanne Nelson	
<i>John & Jeanne Ruth</i>	Wanda King	<i>Jim & Nancy Dunwiddie</i>	

Youth & Other Updates

Small Group Ministry Survey Follow Up

Thank you to those who completed the Small Group Ministry Survey! Rev. Alexis is excited to begin preparations for a schedule with the interests you expressed in mind. In the meantime, you're still welcome to provide your input if you haven't yet done so: <https://forms.gle/u3zKargE6sMsnYaZ9>.

FYI: Community Gardens

There are two new community gardens in Jefferson City: Ramsey Garden, provided by Quinn Chapel, and Ubuntu Community Garden, which you can read about here: <https://www.ubuntucommunitygarden.com>. If you'd like to learn how you might support the organizers in their efforts, contact Rev. Alexis at Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org so she can connect you with some wonderful people - they would love to hear from you.

Coffee House Open Office Hours

I'm going to be working from the Coffee Zone at 130 E High Street from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM on July 15, 22, and 29th. You're welcome to join me for a coffee and chat during that time frame or email me at Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org to arrange another time to meet. As weather and space permit, I plan to be sitting outside.

One of my favorite parts of ministry is the opportunity to spend time with members and listen to whatever you'd like to share. Let me know if you plan to stop by so I can look forward to seeing you.

With You on the Journey,
Rev. Alexis
Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org

Livestreaming in July

For the month of July, we will be livestreaming the 10:40AM service on Facebook. Videos of worship will continue to be posted to the church website on Monday if you are unable to access them on Sunday.

If you are interested in helping with sound or video during either worship service, we are looking for volunteers! Please contact Rev. Sarah for more information.

Music Ministry

UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC

***July 11, 8:20** – Jim Wells will share the gospel-flavored “All My Hope” by contemporary Christian artist, David Crowder. Give Jim some props as he also is a part of our worship team every Sunday at the 10:40 service. I’m also grateful for the gifts of Sherry Jordan who will be at the organ/piano in my place for this service.

***July 11, 10:40** – Curtis Sudduth and our worship team will lead music as usual, but will have Anne-Marie Scott and Jack Gue with us as subs. Click on the links to preview these songs of worship so you can hum or sing along!

[Oh, Our Lord](#) [Only King Forever](#) [This Is Amazing Grace](#) [Everlasting God](#)

***July 18, 8:20** – Former FCC member and children’s choir director, Laurie Janezcko, will share two flute solos during worship. It’s such a pleasure to collaborate with this lady, and I know from past experience that the congregation is also blessed by her musical gifts.

***July 18, 10:40** – Add the worship songs below to your playlist and be ready to sing with our worship team or just click on the links for a personal time of worship and prayer. Violinist Hannah Huedepohl will join our worship team that day.

[Christ Be All Around Me](#) [God of All My Days](#) [Blessed Be Your Name](#) [Just as I Am](#)

CONCERTS FOR ALL IN OUR SANCTUARY! After missing last year because of Covid we are happy to once again open up our sanctuary for music concerts that feed our spirits! Mark these dates on your calendar so you won’t miss the opportunity to hear a variety of music in the coming months.

***Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. Lake Area Community Orchestra**

This intergenerational volunteer ensemble has performed in our sanctuary for about a dozen years and always presents a fun program featuring music from musicals, patriotic marches, jazz tunes, and more. This year they boast a new director, Andrew Drennan.

***Tuesday, Sept. 28, Trumpeter Hermon Mehari**

More info will follow, but in the meantime, check out the bio of this very talented young man (a grad of Jeff City High School) who is making his mark in the world of jazz both in the U.S. and abroad. Fun fact: Hermon began his trumpet studies with FCC’s own Tim Alexander.

[Hermon Mehari bio](#)

***Sunday, Nov. 14, Sam B. Cook Memorial Organ Concert**

Be prepared to be wowed by virtuoso organist Christopher Houlihan! More info will follow, but you can read his impressive bio here. [Christopher Houlihan bio](#)

Food for Kids Summer Feeding Program

First Christian will once again be participating in the Food for Kids summer feeding program. The program will begin July 5th and deliver lunches to four locations Monday through Friday through August 20. The program will be basically the same as it was in prior years. Different churches will take a week to prepare the lunches and they will be delivered by different businesses to the sites.

First Christian has been assigned the week of July 19-23 to prepare the lunches. We need 4-6 volunteers to arrive at the First Presbyterian Church about 10:30 am each day that week. It usually only takes about an hour. ALL THOSE MAKING LUNCHES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.

If you are willing to make lunches one time or everyday that week, please let Ann Littlefield know which day you are available. Thank you for helping with this needed ministry.

Ann Littlefield

littlefieldann@icloud.com or 573-230-5194

Volunteer Recognition

Do you have church volunteers you would like to recognize? Individuals or groups you think deserve some thanks for the work they have been doing? Contact Rev. Alexis or Rev. Sarah with suggestions and for more information about how you can help us celebrate the hard work of our volunteers!



Common Ground is hosting the Capital City's First EVER Lip-Sync Battle! This year, it's a virtual battle where dollars = votes.

YouTube link to videos must be submitted to lipsync@cgcb.org by July 30, 2021.

More information can be found at <https://www.cgcb.org/lip-sync>.

OFFICE NOTES

Church office hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. Kathy takes a lunch hour somewhere between 1:30PM and 3:00PM [usually 1:45PM to 2:45PM]. If you need to drop something off at church, or need to speak with Kathy, coming in before 1:30PM or after 3:00PM is the easiest way to know someone will be in the office.

Rev. Dr. Jim Hill is in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, besides being here on Sundays. You may always get in touch with him by email Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org or by calling the church office.

Rev. Sarah can be contacted by phone or email Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org. She has office hours on Mondays from 2 - 4PM and is off on Thursdays.

1ST SUNDAY JULY 4

ONE SERVICE 10:00AM

ELDER

Steve Waters
Cecile Landrum

LITURGIST

Marsha Graham

DEACONS

Allen Posz
Marsha Posz
Kathy Brown
Venita Jackson

Brian Knight
Kara Knight
Tyler Fishback
Miranda Fishback

COMMUNION PREP

Jeanne Nelson

USHERS

Greg & Sherry
Fitzpatrick

2ND SUNDAY JULY 11

8:20AM

ELDER

David Avery
J.T. Yarnell

LITURGIST

Patty Osman

DEACONS

Ken Littlefield
Nancy Samp
Linda Ringo
Nancy Hequembourg

USHERS

Joe Payne
Nike Thompson

COMMUNION PREP

Meghan Hagenhoff

10:40AM

ELDER

Alan Nelson
Ray Miles

LITURGIST

Pat Amick

DEACONS

Blair Johnson
Sally Moore
Charles Highland
Steven Claycomb

USHERS

Debi Wells
Georgia Griffith

3RD SUNDAY JULY 18

8:20AM

ELDER

Cecile Landrum
Steve Waters

LITURGIST

J.T. Yarnell

DEACONS

Lauren Eichelberger
Chris Lloyd
Marsha Graham

USHERS

Greg & Sherry
Fitzpatrick

COMMUNION PREP

Karen Shroyer

10:40AM

ELDER

Melanie Highland
Cindy Leveron

LITURGIST

Elizabeth Coffman

DEACONS

Missy Mann
Jessica Bivin
Shaun Crisp
Leigh Love

USHERS

Morris Woodruff
Stephen Foutes

4TH SUNDAY JULY 25

8:20AM

ELDER

Bob Priddy
Ann Littlefield

LITURGIST

Robin Grumm

DEACONS

Doug Hagenhoff
Jenny Hagenhoff
Barb Gage
Kathy Cavender

USHERS

Kathy Cavendar
Rick Vaughan

COMMUNION PREP

Sandy Robinson

10:40AM

ELDER

Laura Avery
Barbara Kuebler

LITURGIST

Lejla & Haris Harris

DEACONS

Stephen Foutes
Brenda Foutes
Sherry Anderson
Ashley Crisp

USHERS

Marsha & Allen
Posz

5TH SUNDAY AUG 29

8:20AM

ELDER

Alan Nelson
Bob Priddy

LITURGIST

DEACONS

Jeanne Nelson
Tracy McClard
Doris Park

USHERS

10:40AM

ELDER

Steve Waters
Cecile Landrum

LITURGIST

DEACONS

Jon Prouty
Amanda Prouty
Jeff Moore

USHERS

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:
 Please contact Rev. Kingsbery at 573-690-2480 **Non-emergency** church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, we have voice mail. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and leave a message. **NOTE: IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE ON FRIDAY (AFTER 5PM), SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, IT WILL NOT BE CHECKED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.**

The next  **Church Bell** will be sent July 21, 2021.
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



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 AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS ON YOUR PHONE

-DOWNLOAD THE "GIVERS APP"
 (FROM CONTINUE TO GIVE)

Zoom Meeting Room meeting ID is **2202286773**.
 If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157 or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928.

Please email or call Tina Mollenkamp tinamollenkamp@cgcb.org/573-522-4314), if you would like to be on Common Grounds email newsletter list, regular mailing list, or both. As an alternative, you can also sign up for the email newsletters on our website at www.cgcb.org.



You may also give online at firstchristianjcmo.org/donate

Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at finance@firstchristianjcmo.org. We have contracted with CALD services, a local accounting firm specializing in religious non-profits, to provide these critical functions.

Who Are We? We call ourselves Disciples, a community of believers who follow Jesus by *worshiping* God, *growing* in faith, and *servicing* all in need. Bound to each other in Christ's love, we discover our life together through *sharing* life with the world.

WEBSITES YOU NEED TO STAY CONNECTED

Mid-America Updates: <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/newsletter-signup/>
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